



St. James
Lutheran School

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARENT SQUAD



**BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH
FAITH, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP**



The St. James Parent Squad is a dedicated group of parent volunteers working in partnership with school leadership to support and grow the vibrant community at St. James Lutheran School.

Led by a volunteer leadership team, the Parent Squad is open to all parents who want to get involved—whether by attending events, lending a hand, or offering ideas. We serve as a resource for parents, a helping hand for teachers, and a welcoming committee for new families. Through our work, we aim to nurture a school culture rooted in connection, service, and Christian values.

What We Do

The Parent Squad organizes and supports a wide range of events and initiatives throughout the year, including:

Social Events and Community Building:

- Fall & holiday parent socials
- Annual Turkey Trot
- Middle School Dance
- Family Game Night
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- End-of-school-year staff party

Service and Volunteer Opportunities:

- St. Teresa lunch making program
- St. James Safety Squad (drop off & pick up)
- Support for fundraising activities



Educational and Engagement Programs:

- Parent education workshops (positive discipline, technology, high school selection process, etc.)
- Community engagement events (e.g. street festivals, celebrations, etc.)
- Recruiting event support
- New family events

Our goal is to create meaningful opportunities for families to connect, engage, and serve.



PARENT SQUAD

MISSION

> BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER



At St. James Lutheran School, the Parent Squad is all about creating a welcoming, connected community. From parent socials and family game nights to fun gatherings for new families, we love bringing people together. These events aren't just about fun—they're about building real relationships, making memories, and weaving a strong, supportive school culture grounded in joy, faith, and togetherness.

> CHEERING ON OUR TEACHERS



Our amazing teachers do so much, and we're here to cheer them on every step of the way. Whether we're organizing Teacher Appreciation Week, planning a fun end-of-year staff party, or just lending a hand when needed, the Parent Squad makes sure our educators feel valued and supported. A little appreciation goes a long way in keeping spirits high and classrooms thriving!

> PITCHING IN WITH HEART



Service is at the heart of everything we do. Whether we're preparing lunches for the St. Teresa program, assisting with morning drop-off as part of the Safety Squad, or supporting school fundraisers, the Parent Squad steps in with purpose and care. Through these efforts, we not only serve our school but also teach our children the value of compassion, responsibility, and community involvement.



SUPPORT US

DONATE TODAY

To continue hosting school community-building events like socials, educational workshops, and family fun nights, **we ask each family to contribute at least \$50 to our Parent Squad Fund.** Your donation will support essential community engagement activities.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we make this year extraordinary!

We're able to offer the following methods for payment to the Parent Squad Fund:

- Check payable to St. James Lutheran
- Zelle to St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church UAC: rjantz@stjames-lutheran.org
- Billed via FACTS - **Black** QR Code below
- Venmo* - **Blue** QR Code below
 - *Note: St. James pays a small fee per Venmo transaction.

Please write "Parent Squad" in all memos.

FACTS:



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Questions or ideas? We'd love to hear from you!

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